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1. UN RESTRUCTURING --

ONLY NEW ELEMENT AT UN RESTRUCRURING CONTACT GROUP'S MEETING EVENING OF DEC. 7 WAS SOVIET INDICATION THEY WOULD "NOT OPPOSE" CREATION OF NEW POST PROVIDED IT WAS DESCRIBED AS "UNDER SECRETARY" AND NOT SUBJECT TO GA CONFIRMATION. ANOTHER FINAL MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP WAS SCHEDULED FOR LATE DEC. 8. INASMUCH AS THE GROUP IS ALREADY 24 HOURS BEHIND SCHEDULE, ANY FURTHER DELAY WOULD MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE MECHANICALLY TO ACT ON RESTRUCTURING AT THIS SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 5455, 5458, 5459)

2. HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA--

THE NORDIC HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA RESOLUTION AND NIGERIAN COUNTER-RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT OF INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS. THE NIGERIANS ARE BEING PRESSURED BY THE EASTERN BLOC TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF ALLEGED LACK OF TIME FOR DUE CONSIDERATION. A MAJORITY OF THE AFRICAN BLOC SEEMS TO FAVOR A PROPOSED STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE 3 CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCING THE NORDIC DECISION TO REFRAIN FROM PUSHING FOR A FORMAL VOTE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA WILL BE RAISED IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; HOWEVER, A MINORITY CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT THE NORDIC RESOLUTION MUST BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT THE STATEMENT, OR BE VOTED DOWN. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AFRICANS ARE TO MEET AGAIN DEC. 9, FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE NORDICS. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 5476)

3. REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS--

AMB. ELIAV (ISRAEL) CALLED ON POLCOUNS TO "FORMALLY" REQUEST THAT US WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT FOR NIGERIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION L.63 ON ESTABLISHING REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS. ELIAV EXPRESSED ISRAEL'S GREAT CONCERN THAT THIS RESOLUTION WOULD ENCOURAGE ARAB-DOMINATED ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF WEST ASIA (ECWA) TO ESTABLISH NEW MACHINERY FOR HOSTILE MONITORING HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 5486)

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4. ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES --

ACCORDING TO CANADIAN AMB BARTON, THE CHAIRMEN OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUPS ALL
AGREED WITH THE WEO POSITION ON THE ASIAN ITEM ON
COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES, STRONGLY URGING THAT THE COSPONSORS
DEFER ACTION FORMALLY DURING THE CURRENT GA AND AUTHORIZE A
CONTACT GROUP COMPRISING MEMBERS OF REGIONAL GROUPS TO
CONSULT DURING THE NEXT NINE MONTHS AND TRY TO DEVELOP
A CONSENSUS LEADING TO 33RD GA ACTION. BARTON PROVIDED THE
GROUP CHAIRMEN WITH A DRAFT PROPOSAL ALONG THOSE LINES.

REPORTEDLY VIETNAM, LAOS AND MONGOLIA OPPOSED THE ITEM IN
THE ASIAN GROUP MEETING, ARGUING AGAINST SPLITTING UP
THE AFRO-ASIAN GROUP BECAUSE IT NOW REPRESENTS SUCH A
LARGE BLOC OF VOTES AND THIRD WORLD UNITY. SOVIET POLITICAL
COUNSELOR CONFIRMED USDEL'S SUSPICION THE
OPPOSITION WAS SOVIET INSPIRED WHEN HE RPLIED TO USDEL'S QUESTION
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AS TO WHETHER THE VIETNAMESE AND LAOTIANS COULD BE PERSUADED
TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT, BY SAYING "WE HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THAT
ALREADY." (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5468)

5. CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS --

CELIK TOLD US THE SUGGESTED TRADE-OFF ON CYPRUS MISSING

PERSONS SEEMED ENTIRELY REASONABLE TO HIM AND HE HAS SENT HIS AND TURKISH AMB TURKMEN'S STRONG ENDORSEMENT TO DENKTASH. MEANTIME, PAPADOPULOS AGREED TO WAIT IN ATHENS ANOTHER DAY, AND SAID ANY WHITTILING DOWN OF PARA 12 TO ACCOMMODATE DENKTASH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.

CYPRIOTS INFORMED USDEL THEY HAD SENT MESSAGE TO NICOSIA OUTLINING ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMITTEE 3 DEBATE, AND HAD INDICATED THAT CANCELLING DEBATE HAD ADVANTAGES FOR GOC. THEY ADMITTED UNCERTAINTY OF OUTCOME OF PROCEDURAL BLOCKING VOTES AGAINST TURKISH/CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION AND TURKISH RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, MOVE TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION (PROVIDED TURKS DO THE SAME) COULD BE PORTRAYED HERE AS CYPRIOT SACRIFICE. THEY SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE FALLBACK POSITION THAT OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TAKING UP THIS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM OF MISSING PERSONS IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED ON A MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5456, 5494)

6. NAMIBIA IN "ALL STATES" FORMULA --

USYG BUFFUM INFORMED AMB LEONARD THAT THE BENIN-)⁸6-MAURITIUS DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN "ALL STATES" FORMULA IS NOT LONGER A LIVE ISSUE, THOUGH USDEL DOES NOT YET HAVE DETAILS. EARLIER, AMB LEONARD STRESSED USDEL'S CONCERNS TO BUFFUM, WHO REPORTED THE RESOLUTION CONFIDENTIAL

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ORIGINATED WITH UN LEGAL CONSEL SUY AS A WAY OUT OF HIS HAVING TO TAKE A DECISION WHETHER AND HOW TO ADDRESS A VARIETY OF MOSTLY ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. BUFFUM APPRECIATED US VIEWS AND INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO TURN SUY AROUND. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5480)

7. SC WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ON SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO --

WESTERN FIVE MET TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION OF SC ON ARMS EMBARGO WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. FIVE AGREED TO PROPOSE FRENCH-SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO AFRICAN TEXT. AMENDED TEXT WAS ADOPTED AD REFERENDUM BY COUNCIL AT SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETING. COUNCIL AGREED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION ON DETAILS OF STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES FOR NEW COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH USSR MADE IT QUITE PLAIN THAT THEY WILL URGE MAJORITY VOTING VERSUS CONSENSUS PROCEDURE AND POSSIBLY OPEN VERSUS CLOSED MEETINGS. COUNCIL WILL MEET IN FORMAL SESSION DEC. 9. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5479)

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8. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT--

AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION ON UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT CALLS FOR VIENNA SITE, WHILE MEXICAN TEXT, WHICH FIRST CALLED FOR MEXICO CITY, WAS RE-SUBMITTED CALLING FOR SITE "IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY." BOTH AUSTRIANS AND MEXICANS HAVE ENCOURAGED US TO REMAIN IN THE RACE. THE SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED A PAPER INDICATING THAT THE CHOICE WOULD BE AMONG SITES, NOT RESOLUTIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 5457)

9. UNIDO IBD ELECTIONS--

AMB. LEONARD MET WITH RANKING OFFICIALS OF MALTA UN MISSION TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY MALTESE CANDIDACY FOR UNIDO IBD. MALTESE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR CONCERNS TO HOME AUTHORITIES BUT HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD EITHER WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACY OR ACCEPT
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UNCTAD FORMULA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5469)

10. EXPANSION OF ACABQ--

BY NOTES,USUN HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL CANDIDACIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS:
PANAMA (WILLIAMS), GHANA (SEKYI), KENYA (OKEYO) AND
LIBYA (EL-HOUDERI). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 5481)

11. IAEA REPORT--

ITALIANS, WHO WITHDREW THEIR AMENDMENT CONCERNING
MEMBERSHIP ON THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS, INFORMED
USDEL THAT THE DECISION TO DO SO HAD BEEN TAKEN ON FOREIGN
MINISTER'S INSTRUCTIONS AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITALY HAD TAKEN
INTO ACCOUNT US CONCERNS. USDEL LEARNED THAT THE GA PRESIDENT
HAD TOLD THE ITALIANS THAT ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT WOULD
JEOPARDIZE THE CONSENSUS ON THE IAEA RESOLUTION, AND A
NUMBER OF WESTERN STATES AND USSR HAD MADE CLEAR THEIR IN-
TENTION TO VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL--
USUN 5466)

12. STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY--

THE NONALIGNED RESOLUTION ENTITLED "IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY" WAS INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE 1 DEC. 8 AND WILL
BE VOTED ON DEC. 9. IT CLOSELY FOLLOWS LAST YEAR'S RESOLUT-
ION WITH VARIOUS ADDITIONS. BELGIANS INFORMED US THE
EC-9 WILL ABSTAIN, AND THE JAPANESE SAY THEY WILL ALSO.
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 5465)

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13. DECADE FOR WOMEN--

A CZECHOSLOVAKIA-GDR-HUNGARY-MONGOLIA DRAFT RESOLUTION
APPEARED DEC. 8, WITH NO APPARENT VIRTUES AND MULTIPLE DE-
FECTS, ENTITLED "WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND IN THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
AGGRESSION, OCCUPATION AND ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION."
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14. DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE--

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO MODIFY CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS
OF THE COMMITTEE 2 RESOLUTION ON THE DESERTIFICATION CON-
FERENCE ENDED IN AN IMPASSE WHEN THE G-77 REFUSED TO AC-
CEPT MOST OF THE SUGGESTED SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS. THE
SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED TO US AND OTHERS THEY PLAN TO VOTE
ON PARAGRAPHS 10 THROUGH 13. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--

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